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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/687,630	Applicant(s) TSUBOI, NOBORU	
	Examiner Theresa Trieu	Art Unit 3748	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to the applicant's amendment filed on July 9, 2004.

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 4-9 have been added. Thus, claims 1-9 are pending in this application.

Applicant's cooperation in correcting the informalities in the drawing is appreciated. Applicant's cooperation in amending the claims to overcome the claim objections relating to informalities as well as indefinite claim language is also appreciated.

The arguments with respect to the references applied in the first Office Action were deemed persuasive; however, a new non-final rejection is set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by any one of Olofsson et al. (Olofsson) (Patent Number 3,388,854).

Regarding claims 1, 4 and 7, as shown in Fig. 1., Olofsson discloses a screw compressor comprising: screw rotors (6, 7); a suction/discharge side rotor shafts (12, 13; 16, 17) of the screw rotors; a suction/discharge side bearing casing (not numbered; however, clearly seen in Fig. 1); a suction side angular ball bearing (9, 11); a discharge side angular ball bearing (10, 11) rotatably

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supporting the discharge rotor shafts and being held within the discharge side bearing casing (not numbered; however, clearly seen in Fig. 1).

Regarding claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9, Olofsson discloses a presser member (36) fixed to an end face of the suction-side bearing casing; and a spring member (35), wherein an annular gap (not numbered; however, clearly seen in Fig. 1) is formed between and suction side bearing casing and the suction-side angular ball bearing (9, 11 – see Fig. 5), and an outermost end face of an outer ring of the suction-side angular ball bearing is pressed through the spring member by means of the presser member (36); a lubricating coating is applied to an inner periphery surface of the suction side bearing casing; means (not numbered; however, clearly seen in Fig. 5) for lubricating at least one of the bearings using the fluid; means for pressing (36) the suction side rotor bearing in the thrust direction.

Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure and consists of two patents.

Timuska (Patent Number 5,281,115) discloses a rotary screw machine having thrust balancing means.

Uchida et al. (Publication Number JP 11-210653) disclose an oiling type two stage screw compressor.

Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theresa Trieu whose telephone number is 703-308-6434. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am- 5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E Denion can be reached on 703-308-2623. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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